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ONTARIO

DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR

# MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

The Ontario Human Rights Commission



IN THE MATTER OF the Ontario Human  
Rights Code, 1961-62

AND IN THE MATTER OF the complaint  
of Mr. & Mrs. Donald Lewis that  
they were denied rental of a second  
floor self-contained apartment at  
40 Grenadier Road, Toronto, because  
of their race and colour.

This Agreement concurs that in the resolution of the above  
cited complaint, Mr. & Mrs. Jack Katzman affirm that they subscribe  
to and support the provisions of the Ontario Human Rights Code  
and undertake the following:

1. To forward a letter of assurance (as appended)  
to the complainants.
2. To assist the complainants in finding suitable  
alternative accommodations when next they require  
same.
3. To reimburse Mr. & Mrs. Lewis the sum of \$82.50,  
being the total expenses incurred by them while  
seeking alternative accommodation, as a result  
of their failure to obtain accommodation at  
40 Grenadier Road.
4. To forward a letter of assurance (as appended)  
to the Jamaican-Canadian Association.
5. To forward copies of the correspondence referred  
to in this Agreement to the Ontario Human Rights  
Commission for its records.
6. To co-operate with the Commission and its agents  
in any follow up investigation or consultation  
which may be deemed necessary by the Commission  
with respect to the implementation of The Ontario  
Human Rights Code.

Signed at Toronto, Ontario this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of March 1970.

M. Owen  
The Ontario Human Rights  
Commission  
By its officer V. Paul Dobson

J. Katzman  
Mr. Jack Katzman  
M. Katzman  
Mrs. Katzman

This agreement has been developed in consultation with us  
and we fully agree with its terms as a reasonable settlement of  
our complaint.

D. Lewis  
Mr. Donald Lewis  
G. Lewis  
Mrs. Geraldine Lewis



RE: PARAGRAPH 1: Letter from respondents to complainants

Mr. & Mrs. Donald Lewis  
255 Dovercourt Road  
Apt. #10  
Toronto, Ontario

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Lewis: Re: Board of Inquiry

Mr. & Mrs. Jack Katzman	- Respondents
and	
<u>Mr. &amp; Mrs. Donald Lewis</u>	<u>- Complainants</u>

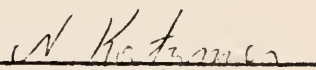
We wish to express our apologies to you for the embarrassment and inconvenience caused you by your failure to obtain accommodation in our premises, located at 40 Grenadier Road, Toronto, Ontario.

We wish to advise you that it is our policy to treat all people fairly without regard to race, creed, colour, nationality, ancestry or place of origin.

As evidence of our good faith in this matter we have entered into a Memorandum of Agreement with The Ontario Human Rights Commission designed to preclude a recurrence of this kind of incident. As part of this agreement we are reimbursing you for the expenses incurred as a result of this incident, and will assist you in finding suitable alternative accommodations.

We trust that these assurances and undertakings are satisfactory to you.

  
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Mr. Jack Katzman

  
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Mrs. Jack Katzman



Tenants at 290 Rushton Road

January 29th, 1970

Miss Nicole Carrier

Miss Susan Hiebert

Miss Anita Turcotte

Mr. W. D. Hussey



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RE: PARAGRAPH 4: Letter to Community Organization

Mr. Melborne Thompson  
President  
Jamaican-Canadian Association  
Box 532, Terminal A  
Toronto 1, Ontario

Dear Mr. Thompson: Re: Board of Inquiry

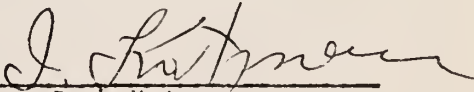
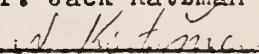
Mr. & Mrs. Jack Katzman	- Respondents
and	
<u>Mr. &amp; Mrs. Donald Lewis</u>	<u>- Complainants</u>

We have been involved in the complaints of Mr. & Mrs. Donald Lewis, black Jamaicans who reside in Toronto, Ontario. They have alleged that they were refused rental of accommodations in our building at 40 Grenadier Road, Toronto, Ontario, because of their race and colour.

In settlement of these complaints, we have entered into a Memorandum of Agreement with The Ontario Human Rights Commission designed to preclude a repetition of this kind of incident.

We have assured the Commission and the complainants that it is our policy to treat all applicants for tenancy and tenants fairly, without regard to race, creed, colour, nationality or ethnicity. We maintain this policy not only because it is the law but because we believe it to be the way to obtain the best tenants and to create a healthy society.

We would ask you to assist us in reassuring the members of your organization and the general public of our policy, and we invite your assistance in furthering the aims of The Ontario Human Rights Commission.

  
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Mr. Jack Katzman  
  
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Mrs. Jack Katzman

